

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jim Farquhar et al.
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 INVENTION: PCMCIA STANDARD MEMORY CARD FRAME

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 GROUP ART UNIT:
 EXAMINER: S. Yao

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

Applicants hereby respectfully request a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 1999. Specifically, Applicants respectfully request that the time for response be extended to February 22, 2000.

Applicants believe that they are entitled to an extension of time without a showing of sufficient cause pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). However, in the event that the office requires a showing of sufficient cause for an extension under 37 CFR §1.136(b), Applicants set forth a showing of such sufficient cause below.

First, the undersigned attorney has been unavailable during most of the months of November, December and January due to other professional obligations related to preparation and trial of a several week bench trial occurring in January before Judge Grady in the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The undersigned attorney is the attorney most familiar with this application, and has already held many telephone interviews with Examiner Yao in connection with this application as well as another related re-issue application. Thus, Applicants seek a one month extension of time until said trial is over such that the undersigned attorney can travel to the Patent Office to meet with Examiner Yao to hold an interview.

Secondly, Applicants respectfully seek a one month extension of time in order to obtain the assistance of an expert to prepare a Declaration for filing in connection with this case. The undersigned attorney has contacted such expert, but has been unable to meet with the expert due to the above-referenced trial. As soon as the trial is over, the undersigned attorney will meet with the expert and should be able to prepare and file a declaration shortly.

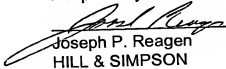
In view of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office grant this Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and extend the due date to



February 22, 2000. In accordance with a recent telephone conference with Examiner Yao, Applicants will also be contacting the Examiner shortly to set up an interview in early February.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to phone the undersigned attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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